



VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 6, 10, 15 and 20 as follows:

6. (Amended) An electric machine comprising:

a commutator;

at least one brush; and

a supply of oil lubricant for providing lubrication between the commutator and the at least one brush,

wherein the at least one brush contains the lubricant at least one of: (a) in or on a collector-side end face of the at least one brush, and (b) in or on a partial length of the at least one brush beginning at the collector-side end face of the at least one brush, wherein the brush has a plurality of grooves along the collector-side end face and wherein the grooves are open at each end along the collector-side end face.

10. (Twice Amended) A brush for an electric machine equipped with a collector, comprising:

an end face; and

a supply of oil lubricant in an area of the end face allocated to the collector, wherein the brush has a plurality of grooves along the collector end face and wherein the grooves are open at each end along the collector end face.

15. (Amended) A brush for an electric machine equipped with a collector, comprising:

an end face with a plurality of channels; and

a supply of lubricant in an area of the end face allocated to the collector, wherein the brush has a plurality of grooves along the collector end face and wherein the grooves are open at each end along the collector end face.

20. (Amended) An electric machine comprising:
- a commutator;
 - at least one brush, wherein a collector-side end face of the at least one brush has a plurality of channels; and
 - a supply of lubricant for providing lubrication between the commutator and the at least one brush,
- wherein the at least one brush contains the lubricant at a location which is at least one of: (a) in or on the collector-side end face of the at least one brush, and (b) in or on a partial length of the at least one brush beginning at the collector-side end face of the at least one brush, wherein the brush has a plurality of grooves along the collector-side end face and wherein the grooves are open at each end along the collector-side end face.

Please add new Claims 21-24 as follows:

- 21. (New) The electric machine according to Claim 20 wherein the collector has a plurality of grooves.
22. (New) The electric machine according to Claim 6 wherein the collector has a plurality of grooves.
23. (New) The brush according to Claim 10 wherein the collector has a plurality of grooves.
24. (New) The brush according to Claim 15, wherein the collector has a plurality of grooves.--